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Abstract:

The **authors** present an integrated secure group access control tool to support workgroups on the World-Wide Web. The system enables user **authentication** encrypted communication and fine-grained group access control. The tool comprises **proxies**: one running on the server side and the other one on the client side. The browser sends a query to the client side proxy which contacts the server side for **authentication**, session **key** exchange and checking of access rights. The proxy finally forwards the request to the HTTP server. The tool is completely transparent to the user and compatible with any Web server and browser. It can also become a firewall configuration.

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